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Applicants: Farmer et al.
For: INHIBITORS OF SERINE PROTEASES, PARTICULARLY HCV NS3-NS4A PROTEASE

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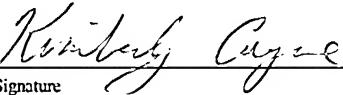
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Exam Initials	Cite No.	U.S. Patent Document No.	Issue Date	Name of Patentee(s) or Applicant(s)	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If Appropriate
	A1	2002/0123468	Sept. 5, 2002	Han			
	A2	4,499,082	Feb. 12, 1985	Shenvi et al.			
	A3	534,410	Jan. 24, 1995	Du Pont Merck Pharmaceutical Co.			
	A4	5,866,684	Feb. 2, 1999	Attwood et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Exam Initials	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document Office Number	Name of Patentee(s) or Applicant(s)	Date of Publication	Translation Yes No
	B1	WO 98/17679	Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	30 April 1998	
	B2	WO 01/40262	Du Pont Pharmaceutical Co.	7 June 2001	
	B3	WO 01/74768	Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	11 October 2001	
	B4	WO 02/08244	Schering Corp.	31 January 2002	
	B5	WO 02/08256	Schering Corp.	31 January 2002	
	B6	WO 02/18369	Eli Lilly and Co.	7 March 2002	
	B7	WO 01/02424	Du Pont Pharmaceuticals Co.	11 January 2001	
	B8	WO 92/12140	Georgia Tech Research Corp.	23 July 1992	
	B9	WO 02/08251	Corvas International Inc.	31 January 2002	
	B10	WO 03/087092	Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	23 October 2003	
	B11	EP 0 417 721	Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals Inc.	11 September 1990	

OTHER NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Exam Initials	Cite No.	Name of Author, Title (when appropriate), Publication, Volume, Page(s), Date, Etc.
	C1	Han et al., α -Ketoamides, α -Ketoesters and α -Diketones as HCV NS3 Protease Inhibitors", Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters, Vol. 10, Pages 711-713, 2000.
	C2	Burkhart et al., "Preparation of α -Keto Ester Enol Acetates as Potential Prodrugs of Human Neutrophil Elastase Inhibitors", Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters, Vol. 8, No. 1-6, Pages 63-64, 1998.
	C3	Fumihiko Akahoshi, "Chymas Inhibitors and Their Therapeutic Potential", Drugs of the Future, Vol. 27, No. 8, Pages 765-770, 2002.
	C4	Bastos et al., "Inhibitors of Human Heart Chymase Based on a Peptide Library", Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, Vol. 92, No. 15, Pages 6738-6742, 1995.
	C5	Llinas-Brunet et al., "Studies on the C-Terminal of Hexapeptide Inhibitors of the Hepatitis C Virus Serine Protease", Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters, Vol. 8, No. 19, 1998.

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	C6	Perni et al., Inhibitors of Hepatitis C Virus NS3.4A Protease 2. Warhead SAR and Optimization", Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters, Vol. 14, No. 6, 2004.

^o a copy of this reference is not provided as it was previously cited by or submitted to the office in a prior application.
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